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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PFOR

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER CONCERNING THE HORN OF
AFRICA

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER SIGNED BY PRESIDENT CARTER
MARCH 11 FOR TRANSMISSION TO GEN. OBASANJO. REQUEST
EMBASSY TO PASS TO GENERAL OBASANJO. ORIGINAL BEING
DELIVERED TO NIGERIAN EMBASSY FOR TRANSMISSION.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR GENERAL OBASANJO: THANK YOU FOR
YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 6, WHICH YOUR EMBASSY DELIVERED
ON FEBRUARY 13, REGARDING THE TRAGIC CONFLICT IN THE
HORN OF AFRICA. SINCE THEN, THE STRUCTURE OF EVENTS HAS
CHANGED RAPIDLY, BUT EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED EMPHASIZES
THE IMPORTANCE OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM IN A PEACEFUL WAY
THAT PREVENTS THE INTRUSION OF OUTSIDE POWERS. THE RECENT
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SOMALI DECISION TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCE FROM ETHIOPIA WILL,
I HOPE, PROVIDE THE GROUNDWORK FOR A SOLUTION THAT WILL
MEET AFRICAN DESIRES AND INTERESTS.

3. THE OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMISSION, UNDER YOUR CHAIRMAN-
SHIP, HAS DONE IMPORTANT WORK IN BRINGING ABOUT AN EQUI-
TABLE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM; I TOO HAVE SOUGHT TO CON-

TRIBUTE TO THIS END. IT ENCOURAGES ME TO KNOW THAT
NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE WORKING TOWARDS A
COMMON GOAL AND SHARE THE SAME HOPES.

4. I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS AND OTHER
MATTERS WHEN WE MEET NEXT MONTH AND RENEW OUR FRIENDSHIP.

5. WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.
END OF TEXT. VANCE

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